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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON GULF OF MAINE NEGOTIATIONS

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS SENT OBSERVER
DELEGATION TO NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
ARTICLE, BASED ON REPORTS TO PROVINCIAL FISHERIES
MINISTER FROM THAT DELEGATION, FROM 1/25/77 ISSUE OF
HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD":

QUOTE: CANADA APPEARS TO HAVE WON THE RIGHT TO DICTATE
FISHERY MANAGEMENT POLICIES IN THE GULF OF MAINE-
GEORGES BANK AREA FOR 1977, FISHERIES MINISTER DAN
REID SAID LAST NIGHT.

JURISDICTION IN OVERLAPPING AREAS OF CANADIAN AND
AMERICAN 200-MILE OFFSHORE ZONES HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT
OF TALKS WHICH BEGAN LAST WEEK IN LOS ANGELES.

DEPUTY FISHERIES MINISTER JOHN MULLALLY LED A SEVEN-
MEMBER NOVA SCOTIA DELEGATION TO THE MEETING, WHICH IS
EXPECTED TO END FRIDAY.

DR REID SAID INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED FROM MR
MULLALLY INDICATES "THINGS ARE GOING AS WELL AS WE
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WOULD HAVE HOPED FOR."

HE SAID TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE LOS ANGELES SESSION
WERE "MAYBE NOT ALL WE WOULD HAVE LIKED."

THE MEETING WAS CALLED ONLY TO ESTABLISH FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT IN AREAS CLAIMED BY BOTH COUNTRIES AND "THE

TALKS ARE GOING WELL ON THIS."

"SINCE (CANADA) HAS THE PROMINENT FISHERY" IN THE GULF OF MAINE-GEORGES BANK AREA "WE SHOULD WRITE THE RULES AND DICTATE MANAGEMENT THERE," DR REID SAID. MR MULLALLY IS SATISFIED THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED, HE SAID.

DR REID SAID THE DEPUTY MINISTER IS HAPPY WITH PROGRESS OF THE TALKS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE GOING A "LITTLE SLOWER" THAN HE HAD HOPED.

"IT APPEARS ALL THE FISHING RIGHTS WE HAVE HAD BEFORE WILL CONTINUE THIS YEAR," THE MINISTER SAID. "AND THERE WILL BE NO SO-CALLED RAPE OF OUR FISHERY BY THE U S"

HE SAID THE GEORGES BANK-GULF OF MAINE FISHERY WILL BE SHARED BY CANADA AND THE U S IN 1977, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VESSELS OF OTHER NATIONS OPERATING UNDER SPECIAL LICENCES.

"IT IS MY GUESS AT THIS STAGE THAT THE GULF OF MAINE FISHERY WILL BE RELATIVELY UNCHANGED IN 1977 FROM 1976" AS FAR AS THESE TWO COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED. DR REID EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NEGOTIATORS FOR THE U S WERE UNWILLING TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIFIC BOUNDARY LINES FOR THE TWO NATIONS OFFSHORE MANAGEMENT ZONES AT THE CURRENT SESSIONS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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LOS ANGELES.

HE SAID IT APPEARS THIS WILL TAKE "A LONG, LONG TIME," MAYBE INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

CANADA DECLARED A 200-MILE OFFSHORE MANAGEMENT ZONE EFFECTIVE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. THE UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF A SIMILAR ZONE BECOMES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1. UNQUOTE. MOORE

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